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FOLLOWING TELEGRAM FROM TEL AVIV DATED NOVEMBER 29, 1977  
SENT SECSTATE WASHDC, CAIRO IS REPEATED TO YOU: QUOTE

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E. O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PGOV IS EG US  
SUBJ: BEN ELISSAR-HASSAN KAMEL MEETING

1. BEN ELISSAR, DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THE PRIME MINISTER'S  
OFFICE, CALLED DCM EARLY THIS AFTERNOON "TO TRY OUT AN  
IDEA." SAID THAT AS HE DUG INTO PREPARATIONS FOR CAIRO  
TALKS IT BECAME INCREASINGLY CLEAR THAT A PERSONAL  
MEETING BETWEEN HIM AND HASSAN KAMEL PRIOR TO THE  
OPENING OF THE CONFERENCE WOULD BE ADVANTAGEOUS. PERHAPS  
THIS COULD BE DONE SOMEWHERE IN THE SINAI, POSSIBLY EVEN  
AT THE SINAI FIELD MISSION. WHAT DID DCM THINK? WOULD  
HE BE WILLING TO ASK US EMBASSY IN CAIRO TO SOUND OUT  
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KAMEL?

2. DCM RESPONDED THAT IF BEN ELISSAR THOUGHT IT NECESSARY  
TO MEET HIS OPPOSITE NUMBER, THEN HE OUGHT TO DRAFT A  
MESSAGE TO KAMEL PROPOSING THIS. WE WOULD BE GLAD TO  
ENSURE THAT MESSAGE WAS PROMPTLY CONVEYED. SAID  
IN HIS PERSONAL VIEW ONE OF MOST EFFECTIVE CONTRIBUTIONS

USG COULD MAKE IN PRESENT SITUATION WAS TO FACILITATE DIRECT COMMUNICATION BETWEEN ISRAELI AND EGYPTIAN OFFICIALS. THUS IT MADE NO SENSE TO HIM TO HAVE EMBASSY CAIRO ARGUING HIS CASE FOR HIM. HE SHOULD DO THAT HIMSELF. BEN ELISSAR SAID HE APPRECIATED ADVICE AND WOULD BE BACK IN TOUCH LATER IN DAY.

3. TEN MINUTES LATER PHONE RANG WITH PRIME MINISTER'S SPECIAL ASSISTANT YEHUDA AVNER ON LINE. SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF PRIME MINISTER HE ASKED THAT WE TRANSMIT FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO KAMEL.

4. "PRESIDENCY DIRECTOR HASSAN KAMEL  
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT  
CAIRO

"IN ORDER TO FACILITATE THE NECESSARY ORGANIZATION AND OTHER ARRANGEMENTS RELATING TO THE ARRIVAL AND STAY OF THE ISRAELI PARTY TO THE CAIRO TALKS I WOULD LIKE TO PROPOSE THAT WE MEET PERSONALLY AT YOUR CONVENIENCE SOME TIME THIS WEEK. I WOULD SUGGEST THAT THE MOST CONVENIENT LOCATION WOULD BE THE AMERICAN EARLY WARNING STATION IN SINAI. THE MEETING WOULD, OF COURSE, BE WITHOUT PUBLICITY IF THIS IS YOUR WISH. I LOOK FORWARD TO HEARING FROM YOU AND MEETING YOU SOON.

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SIGNED/ DR ELIHAU BEN ELISSAR"

5. DCM ASSURED AVNER WE WOULD PASS MESSAGE PROMPTLY. SAID HE ASSUMED AVNER WOULD UNDERSTAND THAT IN SO DOING EMBASSY COULD NOT COMMIT USG TO USE OF SFM AS SITE FOR POSSIBLE MEETING. THIS WOULD HAVE TO BE DECIDED IN WASHINGTON. AVNER SAID HE FULLY UNDERSTOOD THIS.

6. FOR DEPARTMENT: ASSUME YOU MAY WISH TO ADVISE CAIRO ON USE OF SFM FOR SUCH A MEETING PRIOR TO PASSING OF MESSAGE TO KAMEL. SINCE BEN ELISSAR AND AVNER WOULD LIKE A RESPONSE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, HOPE YOU CAN PROVIDE GUIDANCE TO CAIRO TODAY. LWEIS  
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